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Applicant(s): NILES et al.

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

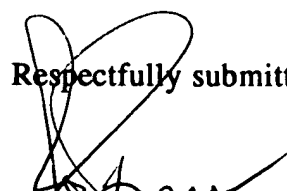
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

To the Commissioner:

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application dated October 24, 2001, for three months from December 24, 2001, to March 24, 2002. The granting of the requested extension of time will not extend the period for response beyond the six-month statutory limit.

A check for \$920 is enclosed to cover the petition fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 18-2055.

Respectfully submitted,


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